

Waukesha County Criminal Justice Collaborating Council Budget Objectives Ad Hoc Committee Minutes Tuesday, February 25, 2020

Members Present

Hon. Jennifer Dorow (Co-Chair)

Andy Thelke (Co-Chair)

Jeremy Perri

Angie Wollenhaupt

Jim Gumm

Mike Neimon

Members Absent

Antwayne Robertson Gina Colletti Paul Decker

Peter Wolff

Others Present

Rebecca Luczaj Janelle McClain Patrick Esser

Stephanie Kirby

Thelke called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m.

Welcome and Introductions

Dorow and Thelke welcomed everyone and attendees introduced themselves.

Overview of Ground Rules

Dorow distributed and reviewed a document titled "Waukesha County EBDM Ground Rules."

Overview of Committee Purpose Resulting from Safety and Efficiency Jail Operational Study

Luczaj distributed and reviewed a 2020 budget document titled "Health and Human Services; Criminal Justice Collaborating Council (CJCC)."

Discuss Committee Meeting Schedule

The committee will meet on the following schedule:

- Wednesday, April 1 at 12:00 p.m.
- 4th Tuesday of the month at 12:00 p.m. beginning April 28, 2020

Overview of Current Practice Related to Use of Electronic Monitoring (EM)

Dorow provided a brief background on the current practice related to the use of electronic monitoring, which is a service currently provided by Wisconsin Community Services (WCS). EM is currently used pretrial, as a condition of bail, as well as post-conviction, through sentencing direct to EM or through a jail sentence with EM as an option.

Gumm stated that, per Sheriff Severson, any EM services should be expanded through WCS. He provided a brief background regarding the use of EM within the Sheriff's Department, and commented that the current EM equipment being utilized is not GPS-based; it is house-arrest.

Overview of Current Practice Related to Video Court Appearances

Neimon provided a brief background on the current practice related to the use of video court appearances, used primarily in Criminal/Traffic cases, followed by probate and juvenile cases.

The video court system allows the Waukesha County courts to interact with approximately 52 other locations, such as prisons, mental health facilities, some county jails, etc. Witnesses have also utilized video court appearances, although that is not a common practice. Neimon tracks data on all video court appearances.

Gumm stated that Sheriff Severson is not opposed to utilizing video conferencing; however, there are difficulties due to the jail design and staffing shortages.

Discuss Plan for Subsequent Committee Meetings

Identify Topics for Discussion

- Sheriff's Department and historical use of EM with specific data
- WCS overview of EM services and technology
- Pretrial monitoring costs incurred by defendants

Identify Presenters

- Sheriff's Department
- WCS

Develop Recommendations

The recommendations will be developed as the committee continues to meet.

Announcements

There were no announcements.

Discuss Agenda Items for Next Meeting

- Overview of the Sheriff's Department historical use of EM
- Overview of WCS EM services and technology

Public Comment

There was no public comment.

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Motion: Gumm moved, second by Opper, to adjourn the meeting at 1:15 p.m. Motion passed unanimously.